GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Use of Toilets
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of households in rural areas are not using the toilets constructed under various Government schemes and Swachh Bharat Mission, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to evolve a mechanism not only to supervise the construction work of toilets but also to ensure that the rural population use these toilets; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) As per Swachhata Status Report 2015, published by National Sample Survey Office, in rural India the households having sanitary toilet, percentage of persons using toilet was 95.6%.

(b) and (c) The focus of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is on behaviour change of people to adopt safe sanitation and use toilet. In order to educate the people, the programme lays emphasis on community involvement. Up to 8% of total resources can be spent on Information, Education and Communication (IEC). Many States are focusing on community approach, wherein the people are directly triggered and made aware about the importance of sanitation and hygiene using some triggering tools. Besides, conventional IEC tools are also used to educate the people.

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